

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of the application are respectfully requested. The present amendment is being made to facilitate prosecution of the application.

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS AND FORMAL MATTERS

Claims 1-14, 17, 19, and 21 are pending in this application. Claims 1-14, 17, and 19 were indicated to be allowable. Applicants are appreciative of the indication that claims 1-14, 17, and 19 are allowable. Presumably, claim 21 is also allowable due to the similarity in scope to claim 1. Claims 15, 16, 18, and 20 are canceled herein without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Indeed, Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuation applications presenting one or more of these claims.

CONCLUSION

Please charge any additional fees that may be needed, and credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0320.

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